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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed December 6, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the subject application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1 directed to figures 1-3B, 7 and 8

Species 2 directed to figures 4A-4B.

Species 3 directed to figure 5.

Species 4 directed to figure 6.

Species 5 directed to figures 9-11.

In this response, Applicant elects Species 1 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-45 are readable on Species 1. As indicated by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to

additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

This election is made with traverse for the reason that search and examination of the entire application can be made without burden even though the application may include claims to independent or distinct inventions. All formal and informal matters have been addressed. The application is now in good order for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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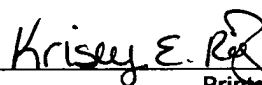
  
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